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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Office of Logistics

FROM:

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Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

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SUBJECT: AFS P&PD Support

REFERENCE: Memorandum of Agreement Between FBIS and OL  
dated 6 August 1986

1. The Unclassified Segment of the Automated FBIS System (AFS) is operational with both the Wire Service and the Daily Reports on-line. The JPRS publications will also be coming on-line in a few days. We are presently having the inevitable start-up problems and predict that it will take several months for the system to fully stabilize. Fortunately, we are able to satisfy our basic FBIS mission.

2. To accomplish our mission, as I am sure you are aware, we are working several of the P&PD people six (6) days per week. In addition, they are frequently on call. Our initial experience shows that the ATEX system is much more labor- and skilled-personnel intensive than we had anticipated. Our two staffs have had frequent dialogue and believe that in order to keep ATEX operational round the clock the system must have on-site system administration 24 hours every day. We did not provide for this degree of system maintenance and administration in our MOA. I therefore request that OL provide three (3) additional personnel to enable us to continue to meet our critical mission. I recognize the difficulty in hiring and clearing skilled personnel, but ask that you do all that you can to bring the people on board as soon as possible.

3. I wish to thank you for the caliber and dedication of the present eight (8) members of the P&PD team and I am looking forward to the arrival of the final two (2) additional personnel called for in the MOA. My point of contact is [REDACTED] His phone number is [REDACTED] secure.

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